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SAY... WHAT GIVES WITH THIS GIZMO, NATE? ALL I SEE IS A SCREEN FULL O' STATIC!

BONK BONK BONK

I, ROBOTNIK!

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OF COURSE YOU DO, SONIC...

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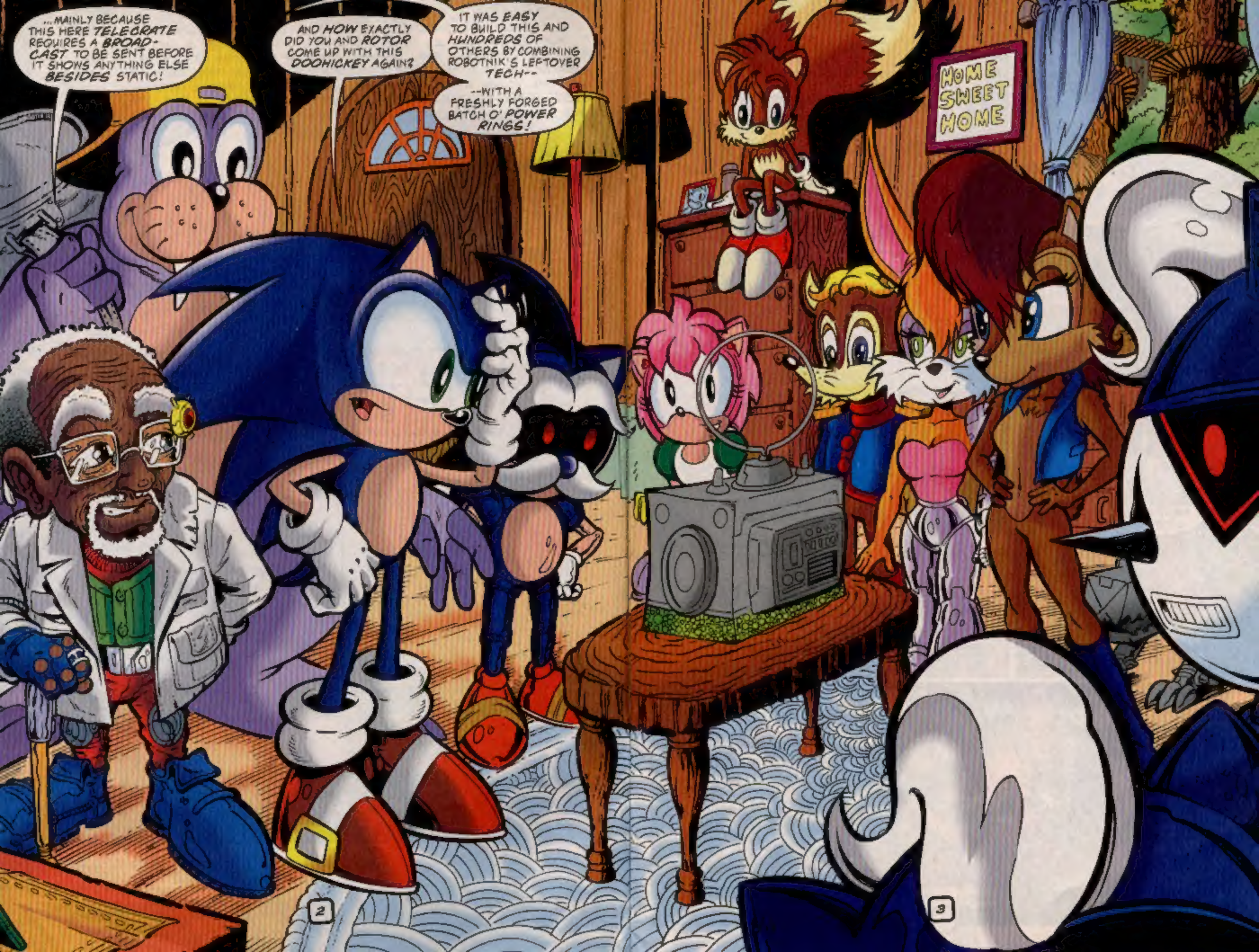
...MAINLY BECAUSE THIS HERE TELECRATE REQUIRES A BROAD-CAST TO BE SENT BEFORE IT SHOWS ANYTHING ELSE BESIDES STATIC!
AND HOW EXACTLY DID YOU AND ROTOR COME UP WITH THIS DOOHICKEY AGAIN?
IT WAS EASY TO BUILD THIS AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS BY COMBINING ROBOTNIK'S LEFTOVER TECH--
--WITH A FRESHLY FORGED BATCH O' POWER RINGS!
HOME SWEET HOME
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IT TOOK US A LITTLE OVER TWO WEEKS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS A TELECRATE FOR EVERY HOME HERE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

...AND IN OUR CAPITAL CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS.

OTHERWISE, HOW WOULD ALL THE CITIZENS IN THIS--THE KINGDOM OF ACORN--SEE AND HEAR KING MAX'S ADDRESS LATER ON THIS EVENING?

"MUST BE REALLY IMPORTANT IF EVERYBODY GETS A NEW HUNK O' HARDWARE BY ROYAL DECREE, huh? WHAT'S YOUR DAD GOT TO SAY ANYWAY, SALLY?

EVEN I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE, SONIC--I ONLY KNOW THAT I HAVE TO BE BACK AT THE CASTLE BY THE TIME HE SAYS IT!

Uhh... GUYS?

WELL, NOW THAT MY WORK WITH MR. MORGAN IS OVER, I FIGURED NOW WAS THE TIME TO GO SEARCHIN' FOR MY FOLKS.

THE LAST I SAW OF 'EM, THEY WERE BEIN' MIND CONTROLLED BY ROBUTTNIK UP IN THE ARCTIC.*

*Waddy book in Ish # 32 - JF6

--WOW, ROTE--

--CAN'T BELIEVE IT--

--TOTALLY FORGOT--

--GOOD LUCK--

"WE'LL MISS YOU!"

LATER AT CASTLE ACORN...

BALLY! UNCLE NATE!

HI, DADDY-- WE'RE BACK FROM THE VILLAGE! WOW! WOULD YOU JUST LOOK AT THIS PLACE!

LOOK INDEED --IT'S LIKE THE GREAT WAR JUST BROKE OUT IN MY THRONE ROOM!

NEVER YOU MIND, MAX, OLD FRIEND--ALL OF THE TELE-CRATES HAVE BEEN DISTRIB-UTED THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

NOW YOUR SUBJECTS SIT AT HOME AWAITING YOUR ANNOUNCE-MENT...TODAY IS A GREAT DAY!

FATHER--WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU INTEND TO TELL THE POPULACE?

WELL, ELIAS, I NEED TO INFORM THEM OF THE MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS THAT KEEPS YOUR MOTHER--QUEEN ALICIA--IN A PERPETUAL STATE OF SLUMBER...

...AND OF SONIC AND TAILS' SUCCESS IN DEFEATING THE SORCEROUS IXIS NAUGUS."

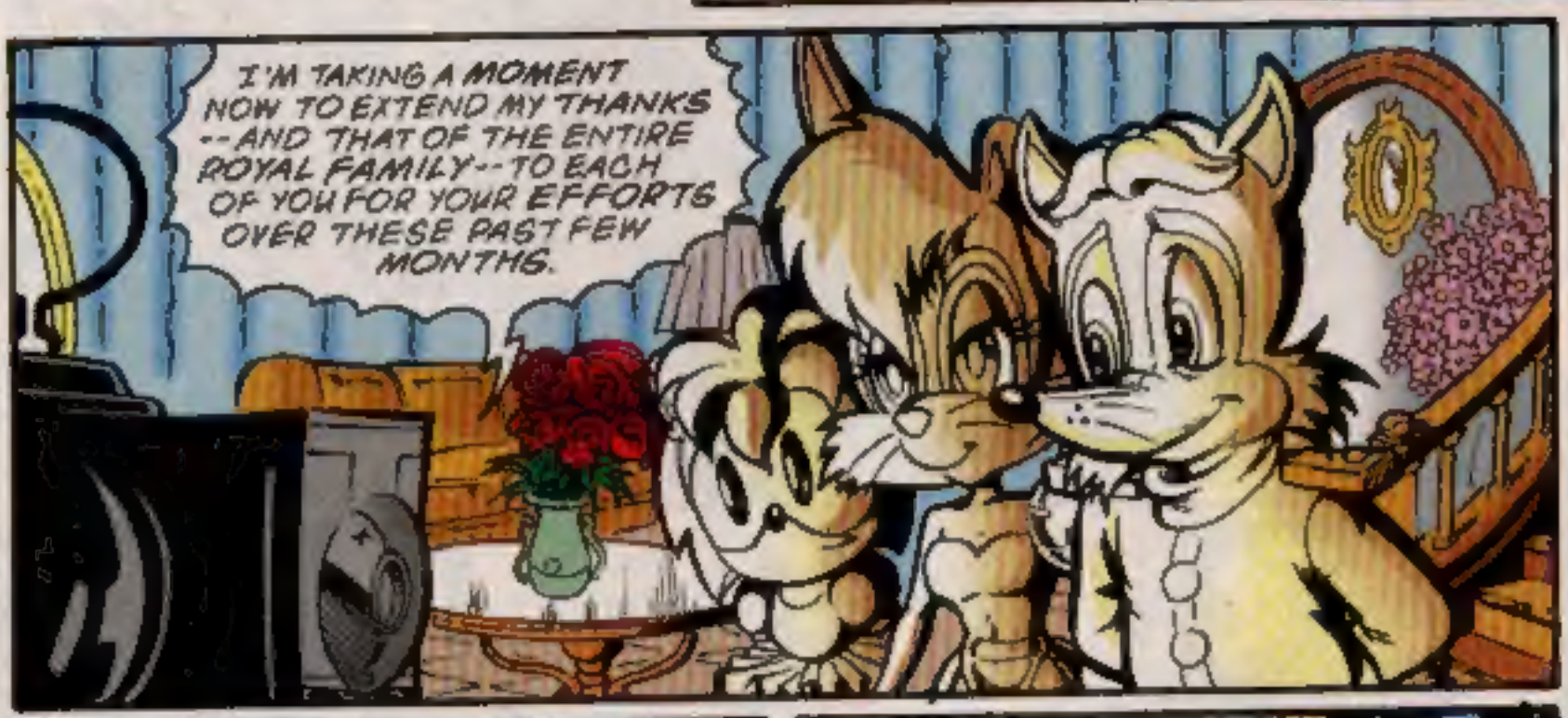
"Read Ish # 64-66 if you haven't already - JFG

ALL RIGHT! TAKE YOUR PLACES, PEOPLE...

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

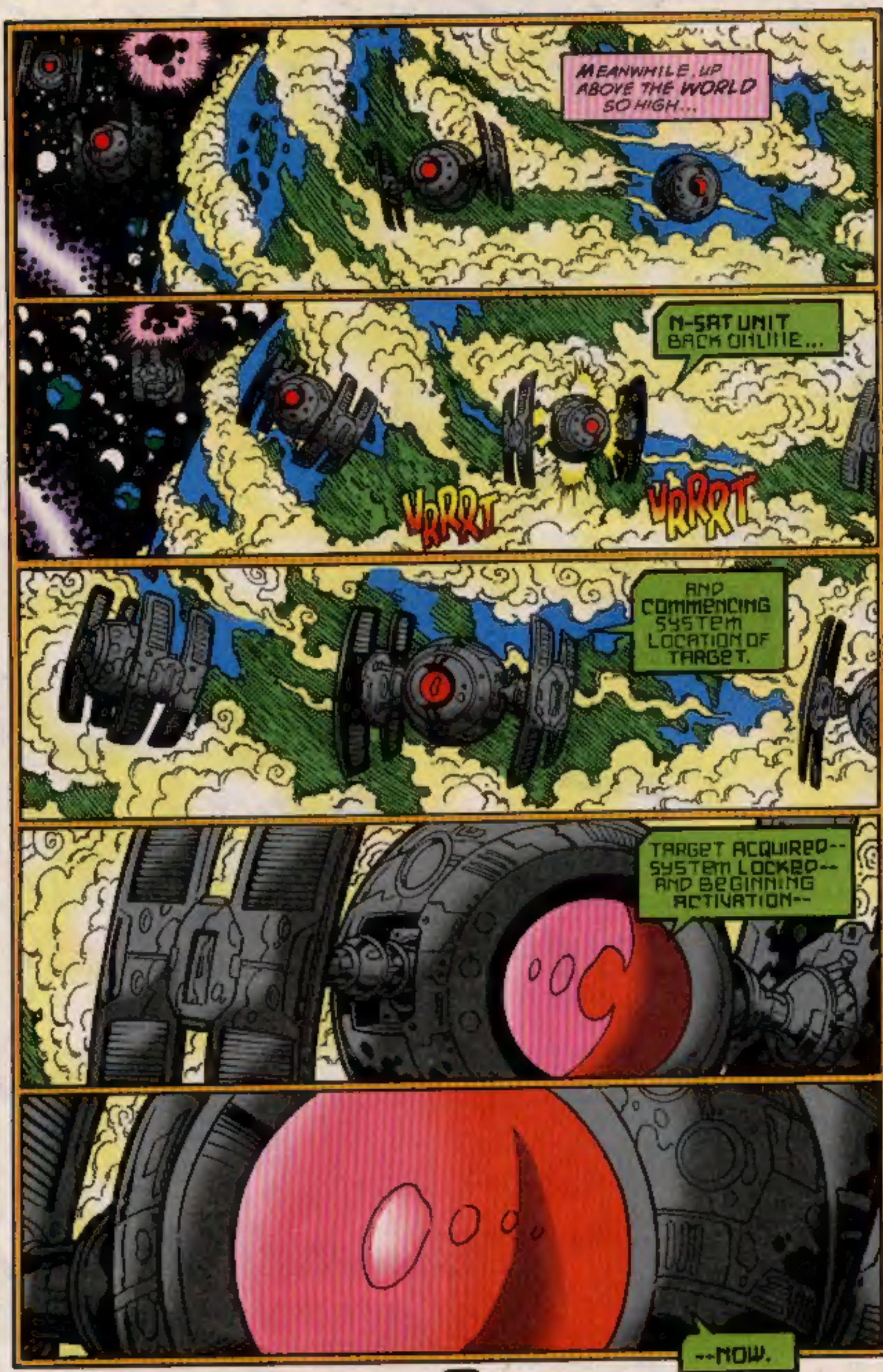
"GOOD EVENING, KINGDOM OF ACORN --THIS IS KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN! IT'S BEEN A LONG AND WINDING ROAD TO THE RESTORATION OF OUR BEAUTIFUL MOBOTROPOLIS..."

...AND AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE'VE WORKED VERY HARD TO GET HERE.


I'M TAKING A MOMENT NOW TO EXTEND MY THANKS --AND THAT OF THE ENTIRE ROYAL FAMILY--TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS OVER THESE PAST FEW MONTHS.

BUT, ALTHOUGH WE'VE MANAGED TO CLEAN UP OUR CITY OUTWARDLY, ROBOTNIK'S FACTORIES HAVE AFFECTED ITS ECOSYSTEM ON A FAR DEEPER LEVEL.
I HAD UMA STEAL ONE OF THESE BOXES, FOR THIS!?! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

MOTHER MOBIUS WILL OBVIOUSLY REQUIRE THE NECESSARY TIME IN WHICH TO HEAL HERSELF AND AS CREATURES OF BOTH CONSCIENCE AND INTELLECT...
...IT IS OUR SACRED DUTY TO AID HER. WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS...

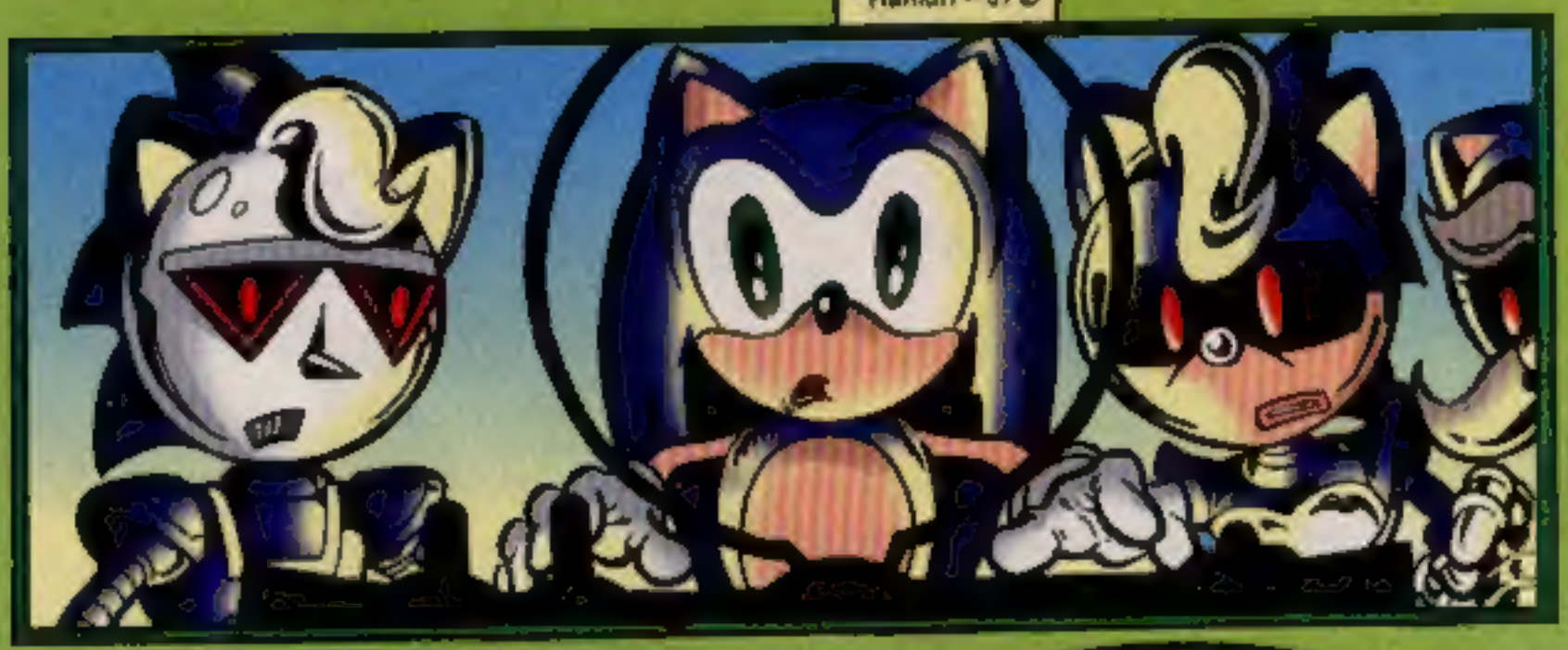

MEANWHILE, UP ABOVE THE WORLD SO HIGH...
N-SAT UNIT BACK ONLINE...
VRRRT
VRRRT
AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.
TARGET ACQUIRED-- SYSTEM LOCKED-- AND BEGINNING ACTIVATION--
--NOW.

"... A NEW GOLDEN AGE IN WHICH -SQWAAAK- HOPE TO -SQWAAAK-"

...

"K-BOT PRESENTS, FOR THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME, THE ILLUSTRIOUS BIOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED SUPER-SCIENTIST KNOWN TO ANY NIT-WIT WITH HALF A BRAIN CELL AS... DOCTOR ROBOTIK-- THE GREATEST OVERLANDER* WHO EVER LIVED!

*Human – JF6



"BORN INTO THE PRESTIGIOUS HOUSE OF IVO IN THE YEAR-- WELL, Er... LET'S NOT DISCUSS WHAT YEAR IT WAS-- JULIAN KINTOBOR WAS OBVIOUSLY DESTINED TO MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION.

"JULIAN WAS THE SOLE SON IN THE KINTOBOR CLAN TO BE BLESSED BY AN ASTOUNDING INTELLECT... A BROADER BRAIN CAPACITY... AND--(BY THE BY, HE ALSO HAD AN ANNOYING BROTHER NAMED COLIN)."

"ANYWAY... AS THE YEARS WENT ON, HIS BODY GREW TO MATCH HIS VAST I.Q. AND--AS A YOUNG MAN--HE BECAME ASSISTANT TO A LOCAL GEO-PHYSICIAN IN THE CITY OF MEGAPOLIS--A NATHANIEL-SOMEBODY-OR-THE-OTHER, THOUGH IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE JULIAN HIMSELF WAS IN CHARGE OF THE LAB!

"THEN--OUT OF NOWHERE--THE FLEA-BITTEN, FURRY INHABITANTS THE OVERLANDERS WERE FORCED TO SHARE THE PLANET WITH... BEGAN THE GREATEST WAR EVER SEEN (I FORGET THE NAME OF IT...)!

"THE MINISTRY OF CONFLICT CALLED UPON EVERY GENIUS IN MEGAPOLIS TO DEVISE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. JULIAN DID BETTER--HE CREATED A DEVICE CALLED THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR! ALL THAT WAS NEEDED TO POWER IT WAS A RARE MINERAL ORE...

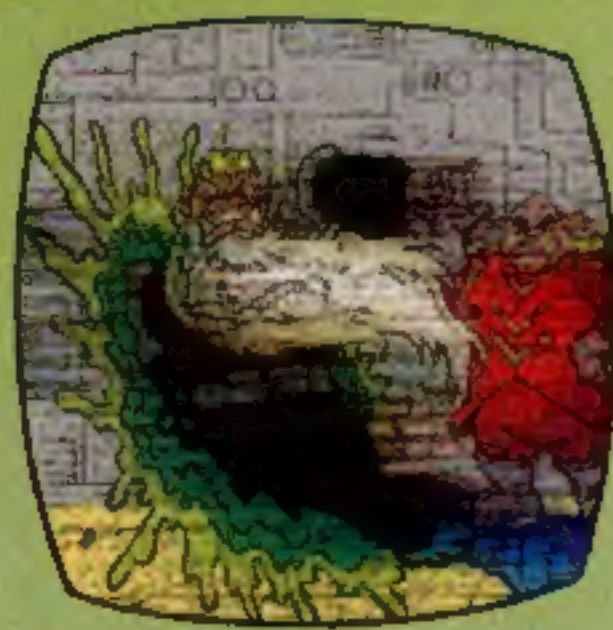
"...THAT WAS NEVER RECEIVED. INSTEAD OF PRAISING THE MISUNDERSTOOD INTELLECTUAL--COLIN KINTOBOR, NOW MINISTER OF JUSTICE--FOOLISHLY PUNISHED HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS (COME ON... WAS IT REALLY SO BAD THAT JULIAN HAD INTENDED TO USE HIS OWN PEOPLE AS TEST SUBJECTS FOR THE GHASTLY GADGET?).

"RATHER THAN ENDURING THE TEN-YEAR IMPRISONMENT TO WHICH HIS TRAITOROUS BROTHER HAD SENTENCED HIM, JULIAN USED HIS CUNNING TO EFFECT A HEROIC ESCAPE BEYOND THE MOBIAN BADLANDS..."

"...WHERE HE WAS FOUND BY TWO MOBIAN SAVAGES. THEY DIDN'T DO HIM ANY HARM--THEY WERE HEDGEHOGS--NO REAL THREAT! AS A MATTER OF FACT...

"...THEY TOOK HIM TO THEIR LEADER--KING MAX! NOW HERE WAS A SUCKER WHO COULD SPOT GREATNESS IN A SPLIT-SECOND. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE OL' MAXIE PRACTICALLY HANDED OVER CONTROL OF HIS REALM TO JULIAN!

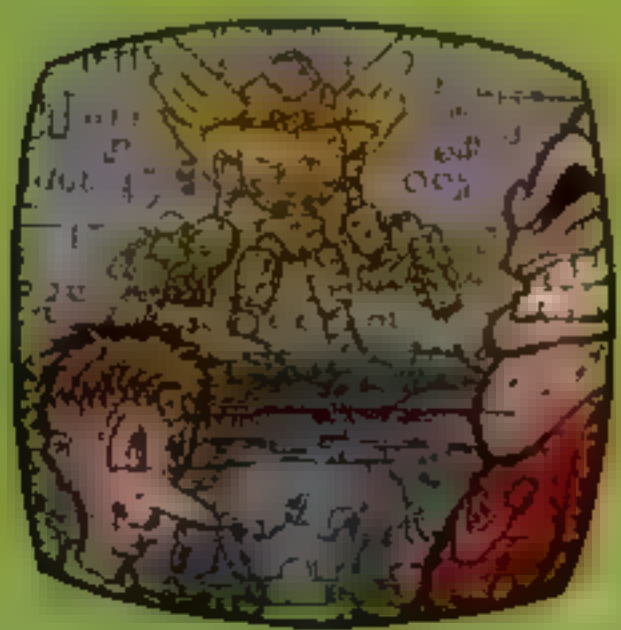
"FIRST THAT WASH-UP OF A WARLORD--KODOS--WAS ORDERED TO INSTRUCT THE NEW ARRIVAL IN THE ART OF WARFARE. AFTER ALL, WHO KNEW THE OVERLANDERS' WEAKNESSES BETTER THAN JULIAN?



"AND SECOND, IT WAS JULIAN WHO REPLACED KODOS AFTER LEARNING EVERYTHING HE HAD TO TEACH. GO AHEAD AND ASK YOURSELVES--WASN'T HE THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB?"

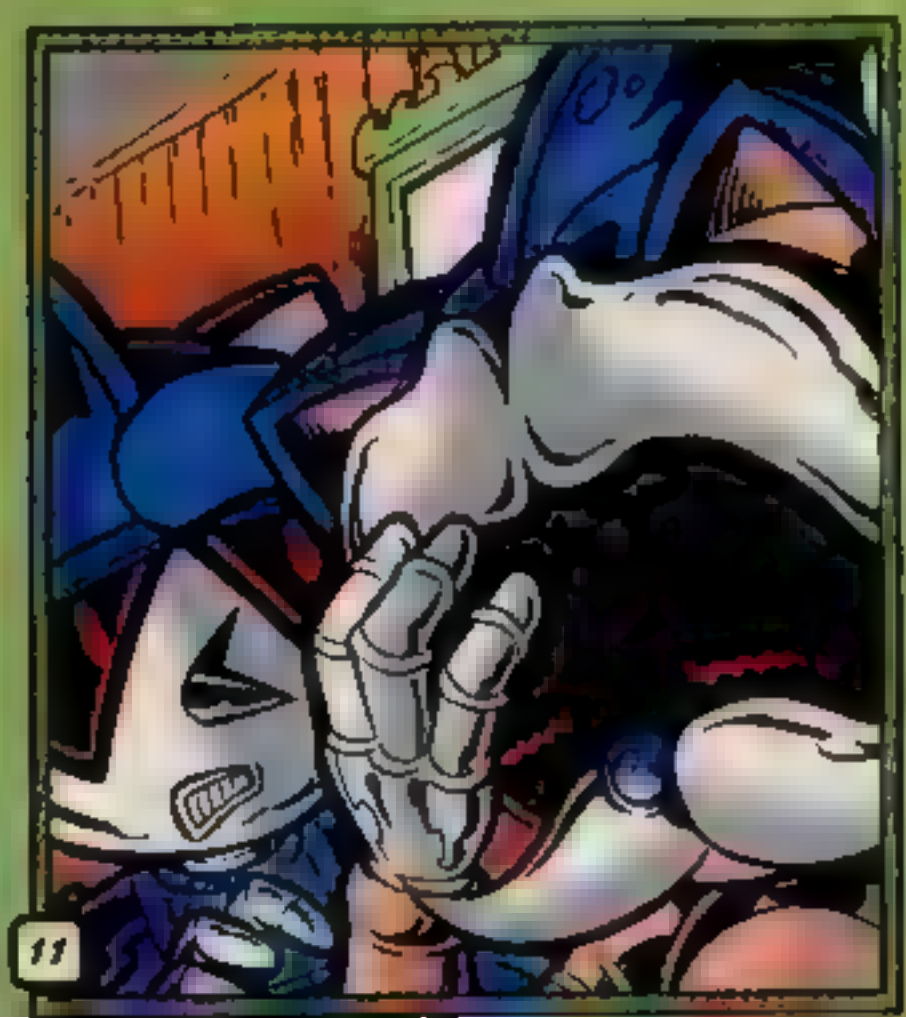
"FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE INFERIOR MOBIAN GROUND TROOPS HAD THE NECESSARY BRAINS AND BRAWN REQUIRED TO SHIFT THE WAR IN MOBOTROPOLIS' FAVOR.

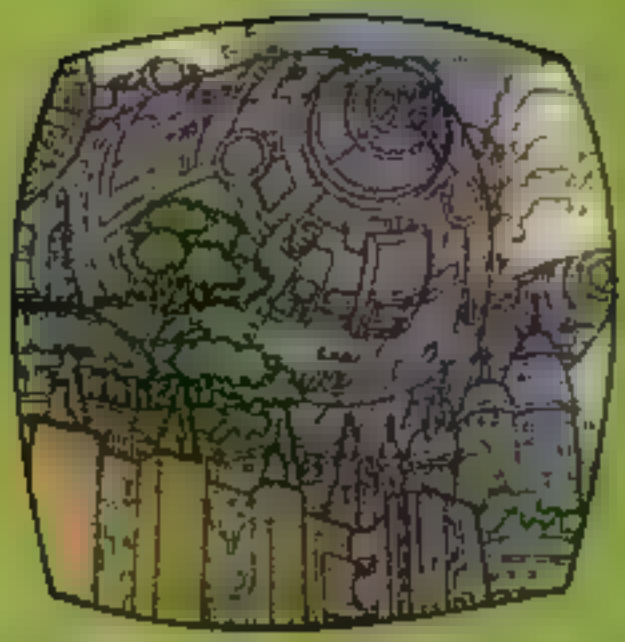
"DAYS LATER, JULIAN'S DIM-WIT NEPHEW--SNIVELY--ARRIVED AT THE WAR MINISTRY BUILDING TO PLEDGE H.S ALLEGIANCE TO HIS UNCLE.



BUT JULIAN--NEVER CONTENT TO JUST REST ON HIS LAURELS--DECIDED THAT BEATING BACK THE OVERLANDERS WASN'T ENOUGH. HE DESIRED NOW TO REMODEL THE FACE OF MOBIUS IT WOULD TAKE AN ARTIFICAL ARMY...

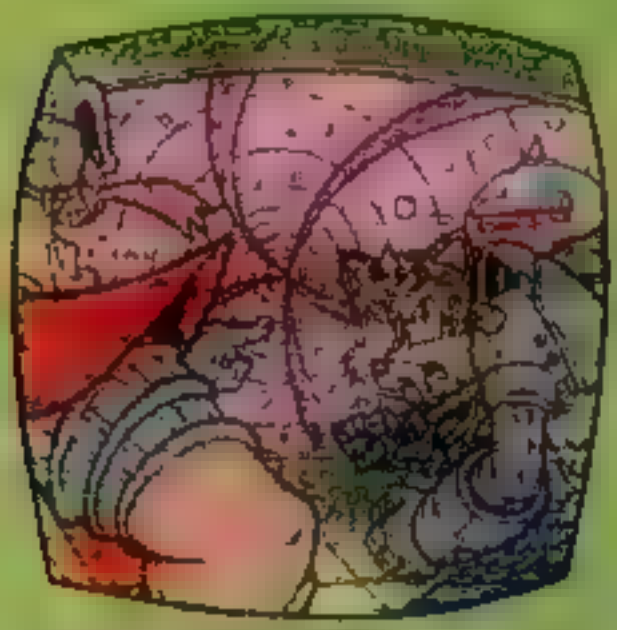
". AND THE SABOTAGE OF SIR CHARLES HEDGEHOG S ROBOTICIZER, A NEWLY-INVENTED DEVICE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP CURE THE WOUNDED."



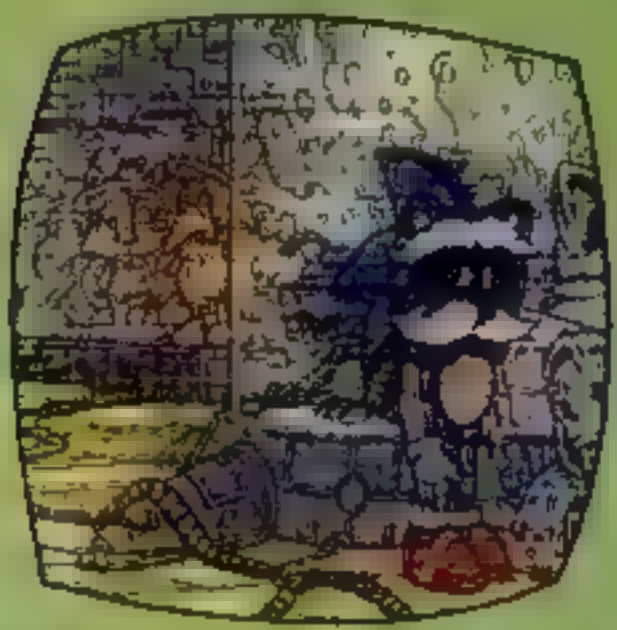


"AND SO IT WAS ON THAT MORNING MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, A MASSIVE METAL FLAGSHIP APPEARED OVER THE MOBOTROPOLIS SKYLINE FOREVER ALTERING IT, AND WHO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS NEW INDUSTRIAL AGE? WAS IT JULIAN KINTOBOR? NO--IT WAS.

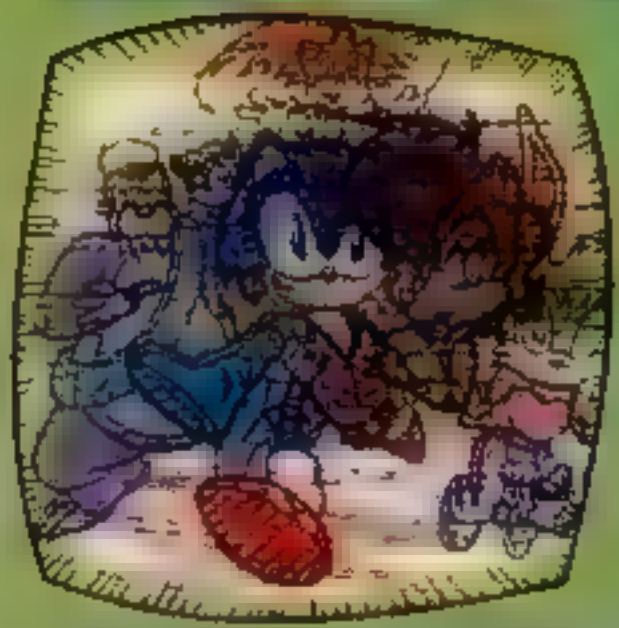
"...DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MIND OF ALL TIME!



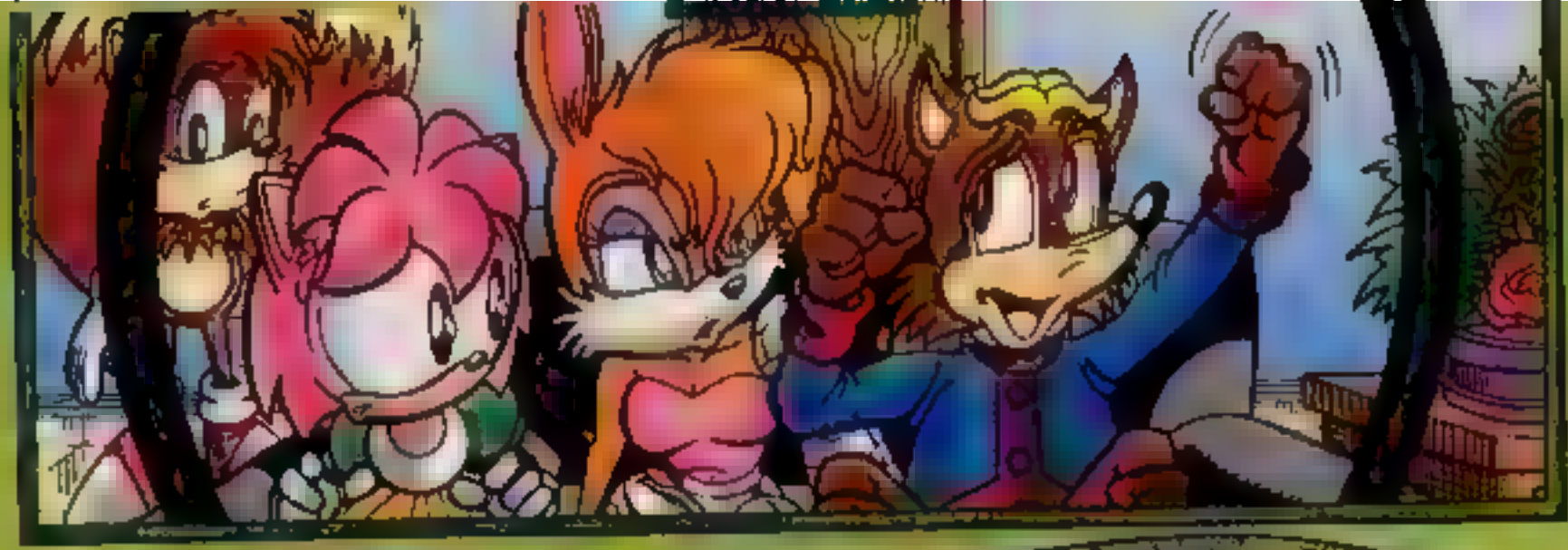
"BUT THERE WERE THE IGNORANT FEW WHO ADHERED TO THE WAYS OF TRADITION AND OPPOSED ROBOTNIK'S REFORMS--THEY WERE DEALT WITH...



"...WHILE THE OTHER MOBIANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE NEW JOBS THAT THE GOOD DOCTOR HAD CREATED AND WILLINGLY VOLUNTEERED THEMSELVES TO UNDERGO THE CHANGES NEEDED TO WORK IN HIS POSH FACTORIES.



"AS IF BEING ABSOLUTE RULER OF AN ENTIRE WORLD WASN'T DIFFICULT ENOUGH THERE WERE ALSO UPSTART REBEL GROUPS TO CONTEND WITH--NOTABLY, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND H S RABBLE ROUSERS!"

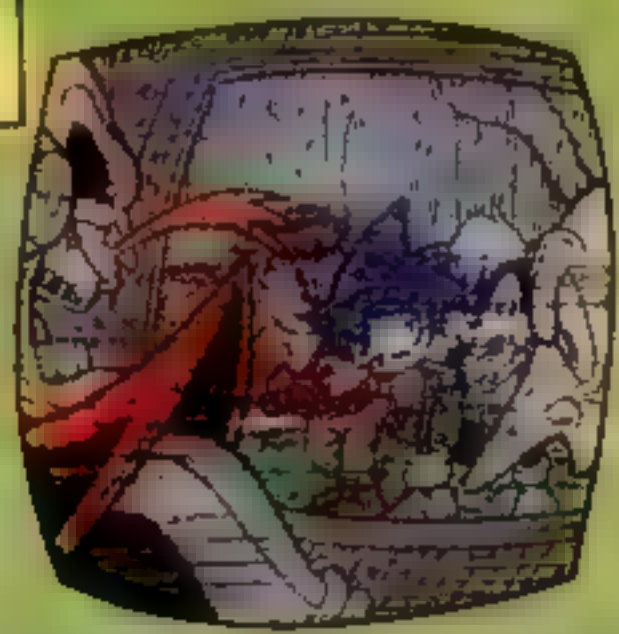


"AFTER TAK'NG A HOMETOWN TRIP TO THE OVERLANDER CITY OF MEGAPOLIS, ROBOTN.K WAS SHOCKED TO FIND THE LOCATION ENT RE.Y DESERTED. TOO BAD--HE HAD BROUGHT THEM A SURPRISE.

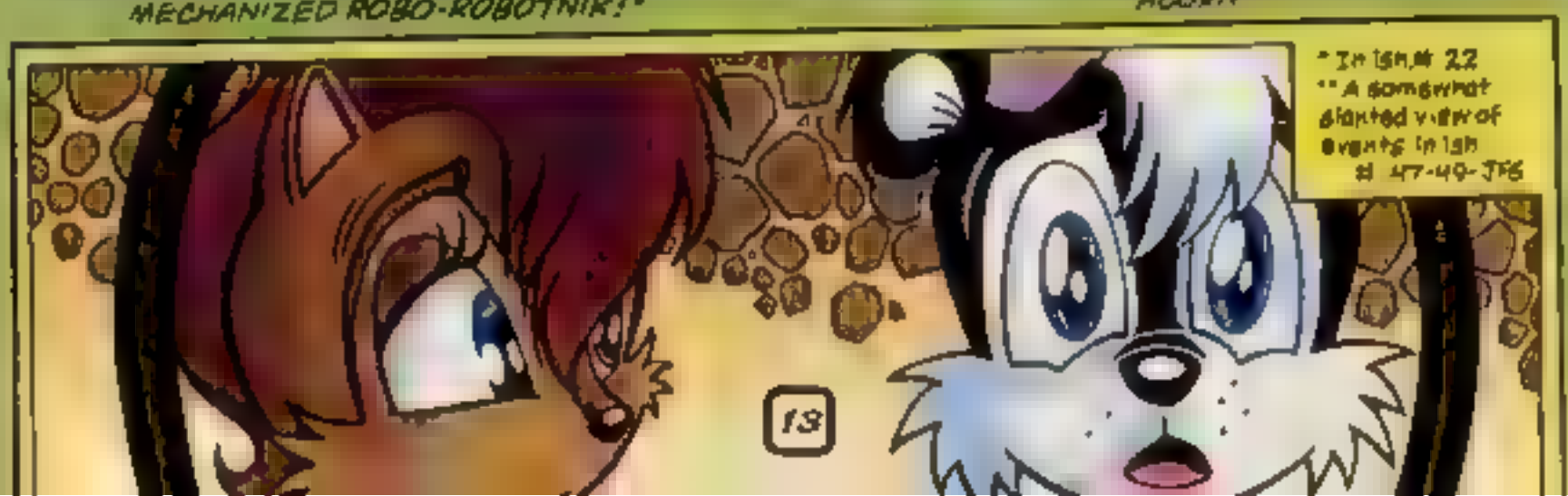
"SOME TIME LATER, IN ONE OF HIS MANY EFFORTS TO END THE MENACE THAT IS SONIC DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WAS SEEMINGLY VAPORIZED BY HIS OWN CREATION --THE SYNTHETIC* BEING KNOWN AS E.V.E.!"**

*Created by man
**In the classic Ish # 21- JF6

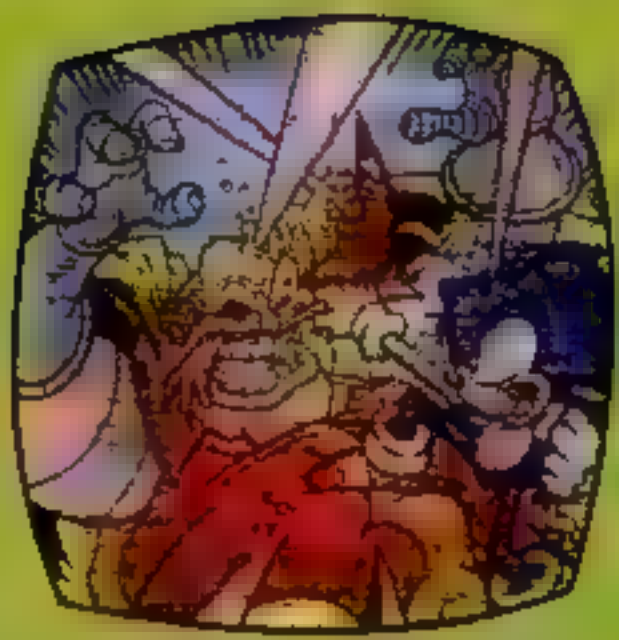
"BUT INSTEAD OF TRAVELING TO THE AFTERLIFE HE FOUND HIMSELF STRANDED IN AN A.TERNATE FUTURE WHERE HE WOULD HAVE REMAINED. HAD HE NOT MET HIS COUNTERPART IN THAT REALITY--THE MECHANIZED ROBO-ROBOTNIK!"

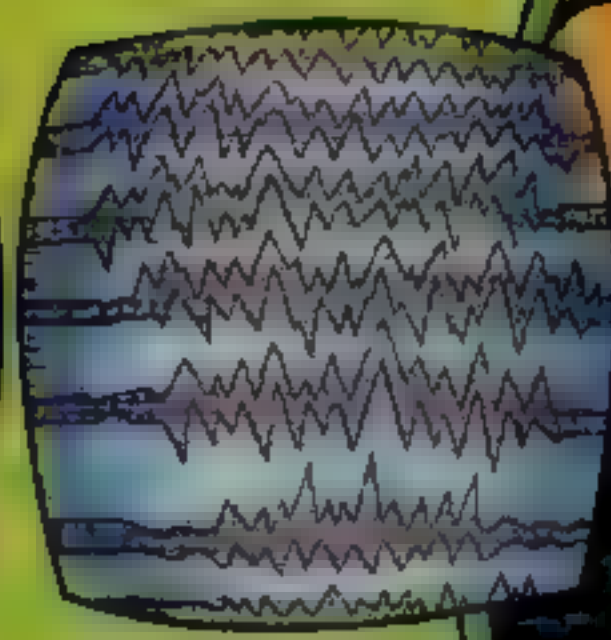


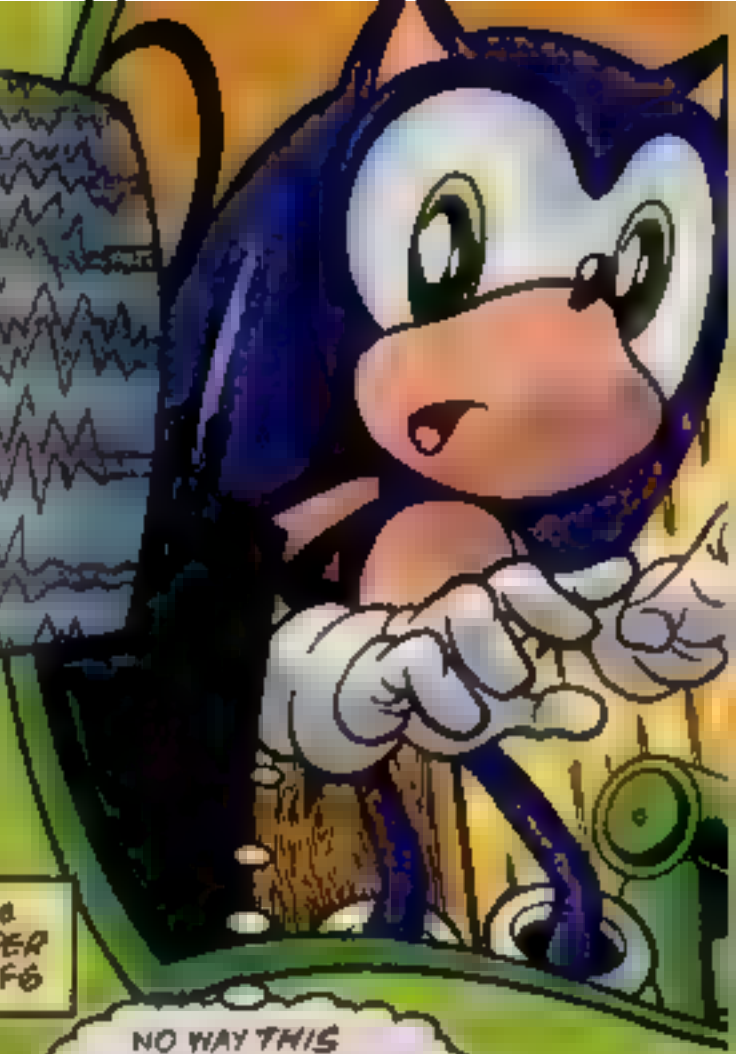
"NOW JUST IMAGINE IF THE ALL-GREAT ALL-POWERFUL ROBO-ROBOTNIK HADN'T RETURNED JULIAN TO ROBOTROPOLIS. HE WOULD NEVER HAVE SEEN H S ENEMY PUNISHED FOR THE ALLEGED MURDER OF SALLY ACORN"



*In Ish.# 22
**A somewhat slanted view of events in Ish # 47-49- JF6





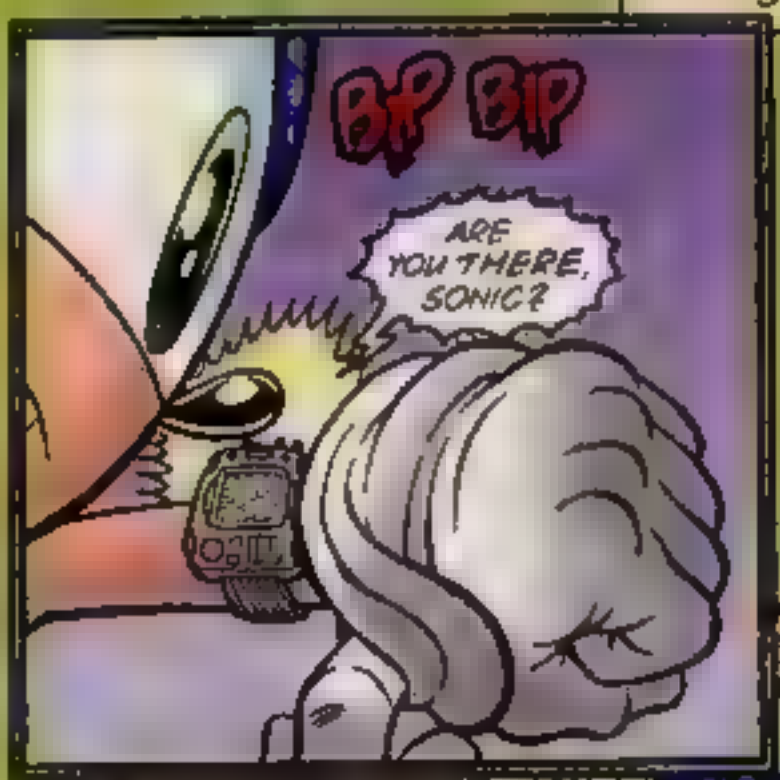


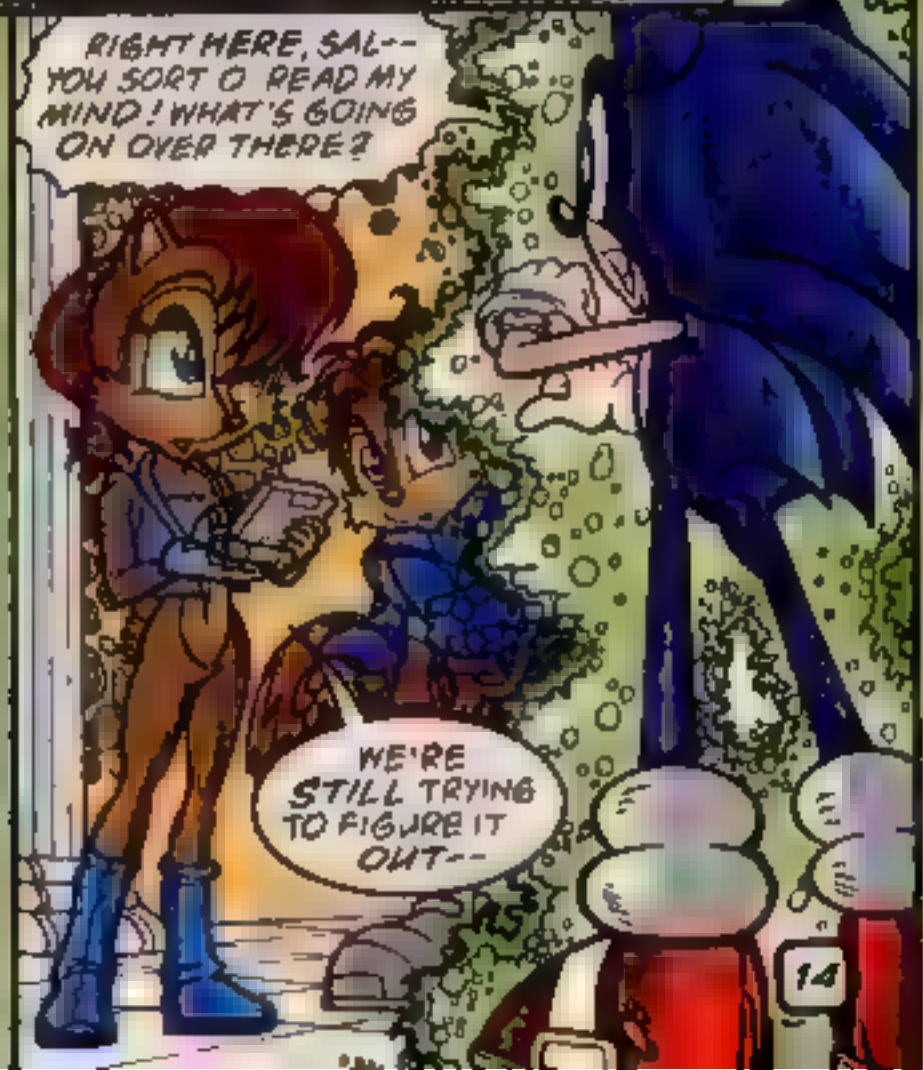
BUT AS IS TRUE WITH SO MANY HISTORIC FIGURES, THE GOOD DOCTOR SACRIFICED HIS OWN LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF HIS PLANET--PROTECTING HER FROM EVIL!* THIS HAS BEEN A SERVICE OF K-BOT--THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT!"

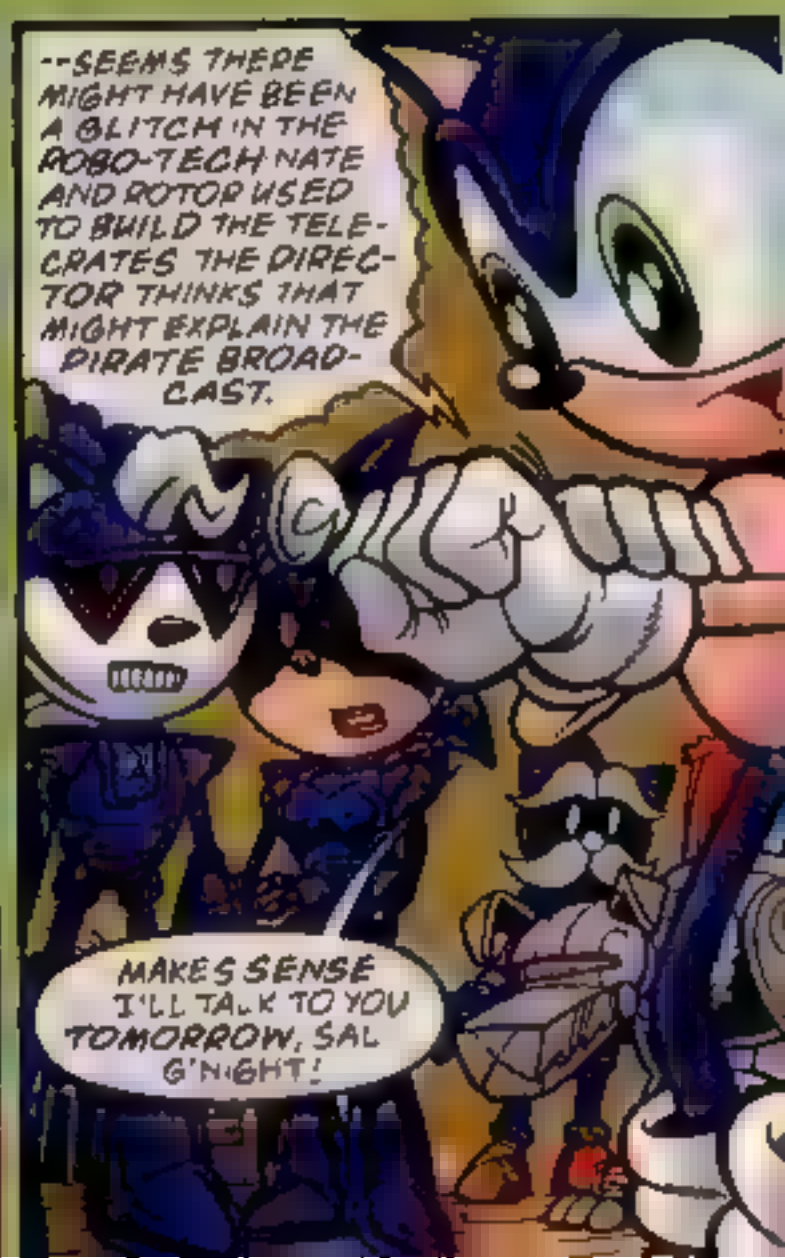
. . .

*One way of looking at the conclusion to SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6 - JF6

NO WAY THIS IS WHAT SALLY'S DAD WANTED TO TELL US! I'D BETTER--

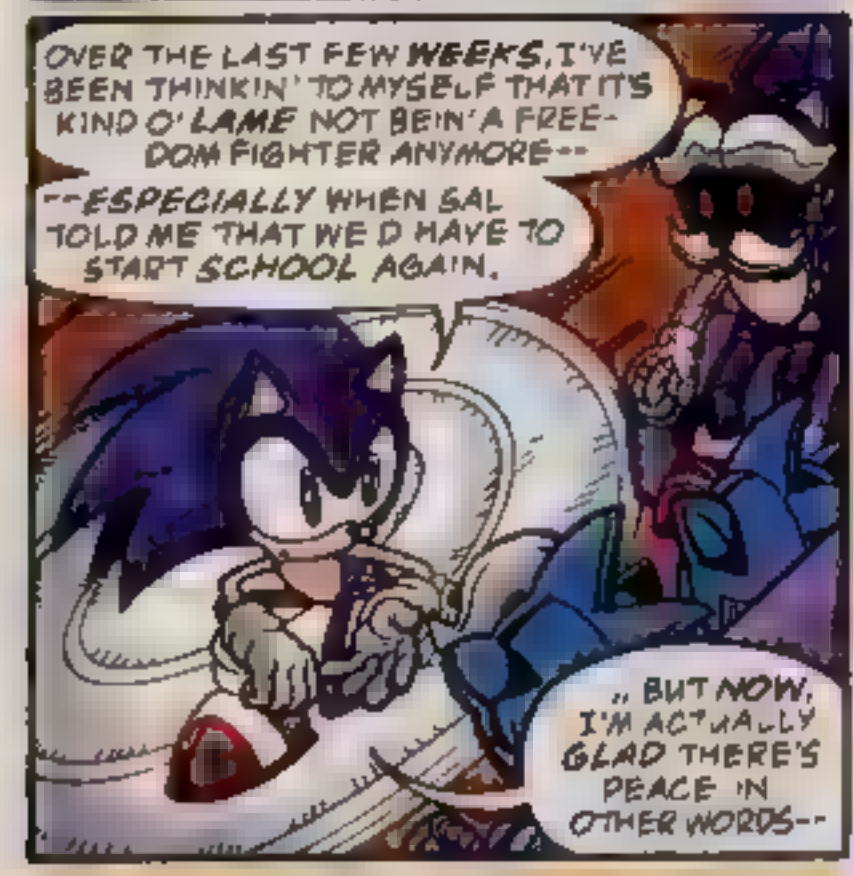


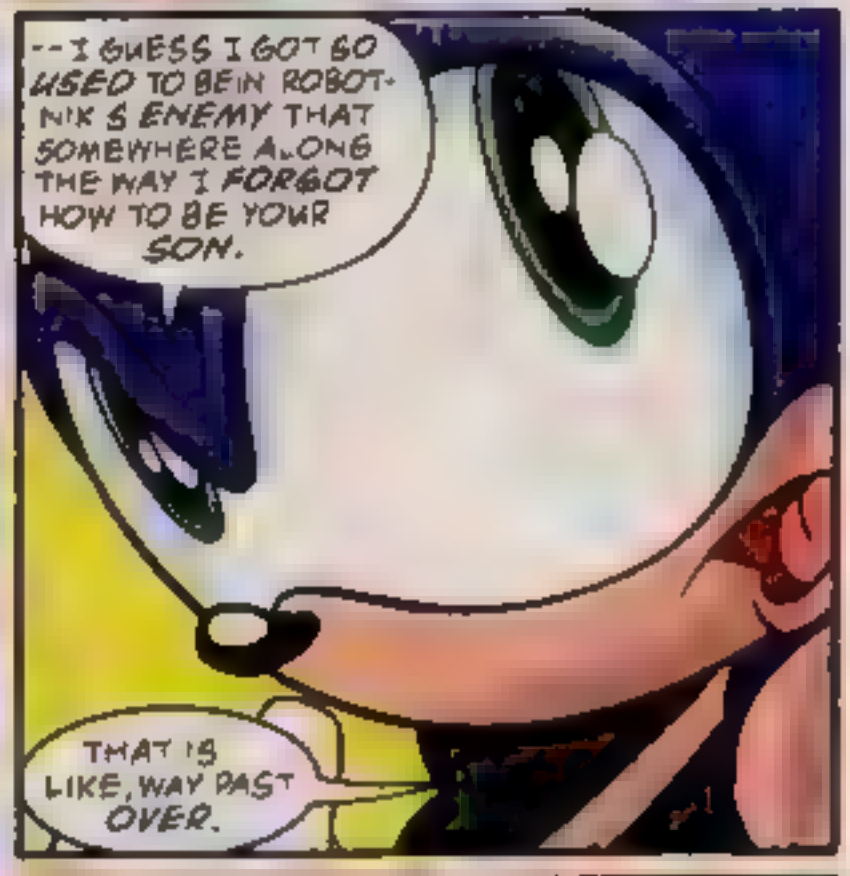




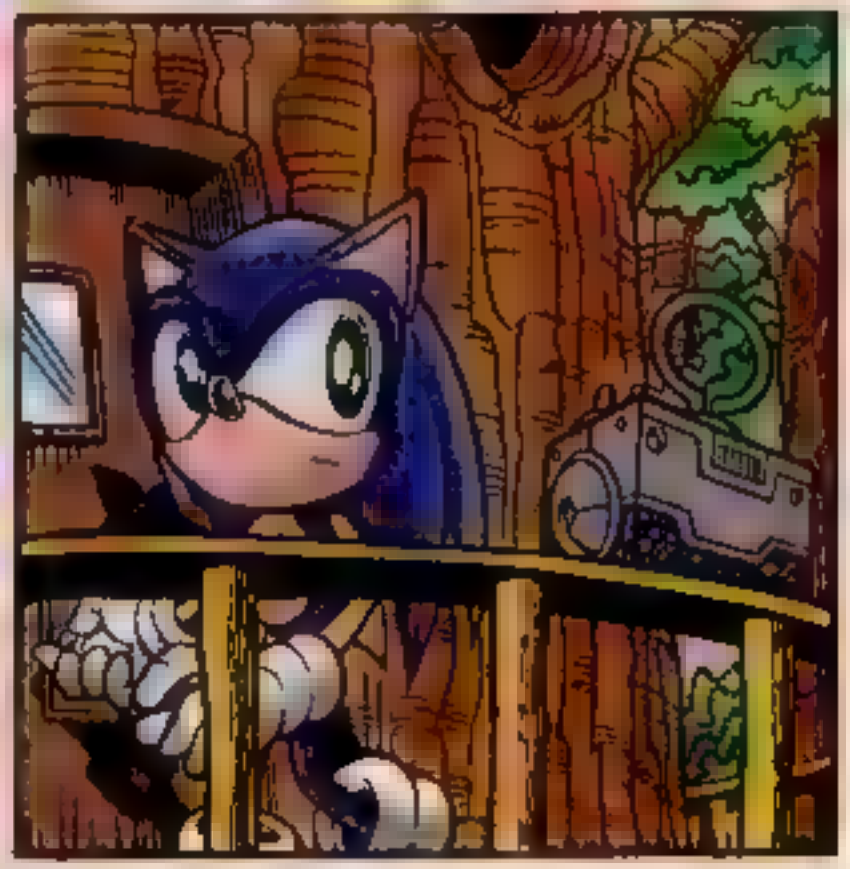
SON...?
ANY WORD ON WHAT HAPPENED WITH TONIGHT'S BROADCAST?

JUST A FALSE ALARM FOLKS! I GUESS THAT'S WHAT WE GET FOR USIN ROBOTNIK'S EQUIPMENT TO START WITH!
WOW
WHAT'S FOGGIN' THE OL' NOGGIN', SONNY-BOY?


OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I'VE BEEN THINKIN' TO MYSELF THAT IT'S KIND O' LAME NOT BEIN' A FREEDOM FIGHTER ANYMORE--
--ESPECIALLY WHEN SAL TOLD ME THAT WE'D HAVE TO START SCHOOL AGAIN.
.. BUT NOW, I'M ACTUALLY GLAD THERE'S PEACE IN OTHER WORDS--


--I GUESS I GOT SO USED TO BEIN ROBOTNIK'S ENEMY THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY I FORGOT HOW TO BE YOUR SON.
THAT IS LIKE, WAY PAST OVER.

WAY PAST, SON .. WAY PAST



AND SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE.
WELL WELL, WELL SNIVELY... IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT THE DENIZENS IN THE KINGDOM OF ACORN DID NOT--
--UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE THAT IT WAS YOUR TREACHERY THAT CAUSED YOUR UNCLE'S UNFORTUNATE DEMISE. FOR THAT, I BRAND YOU... A TRAITOR!
NO--NOT YOU?!
SEE YOU IN THIRTY DAYS!

TALES OF THE GREAT WAR

PART ONE

"SINCE THE TIME OF ALEXANDER MOBIANS LIVED IN RELATIVE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY

"OF ALL WHO DWELLED IN THE LANDS SURROUNDING THE KINGDOM, THE MOST MYSTERIOUS WERE THE OVERLANDERS

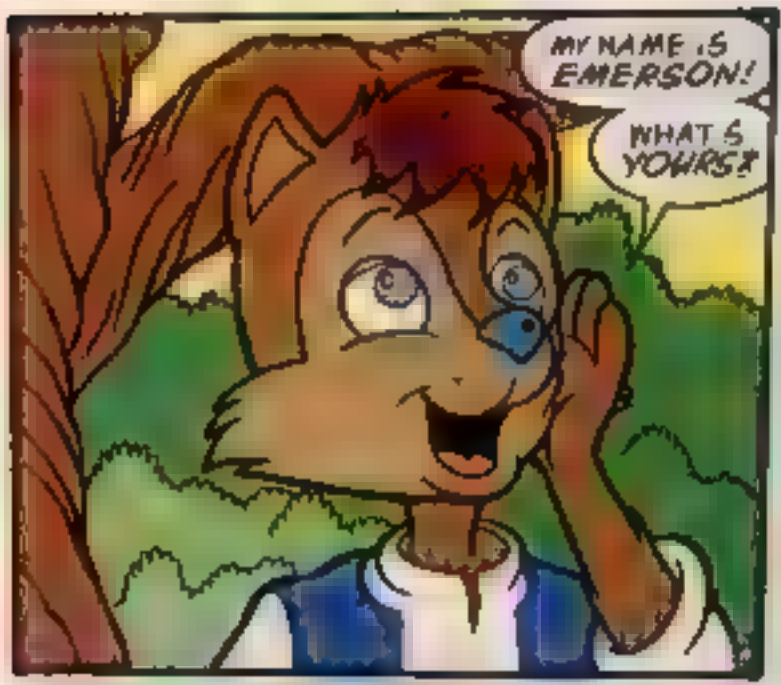
"CONTACT WITH THEM WAS FEW AND FAR BETWEEN AND QUITE BENIGN UNTIL ONE FATEFUL DAY WHEN PRINCE EMERSON STOOD FACING A YOUNG OVERLANDER BOY ACROSS ROUNDABOUT CREEK..

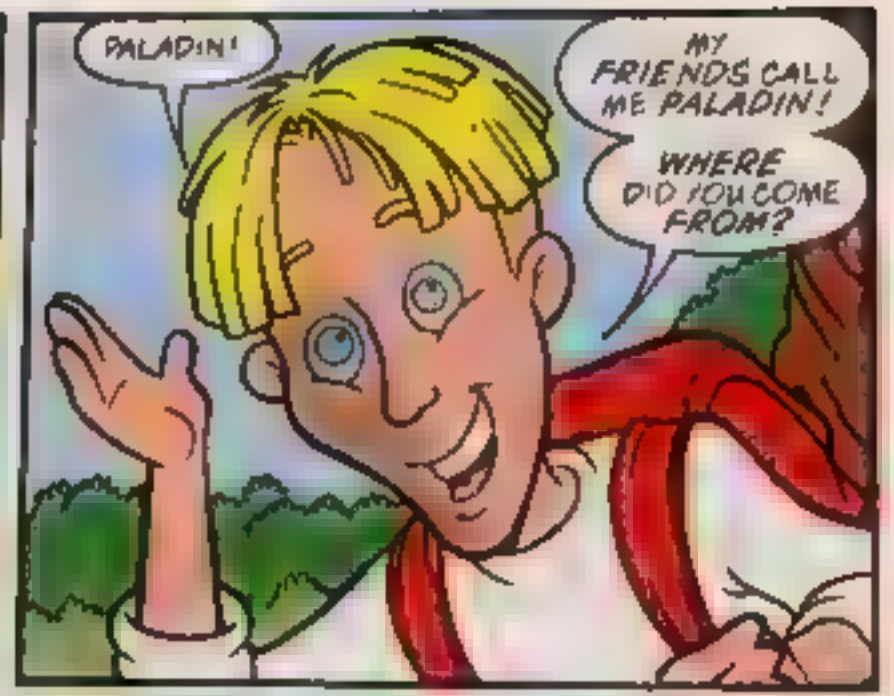
HELLO!

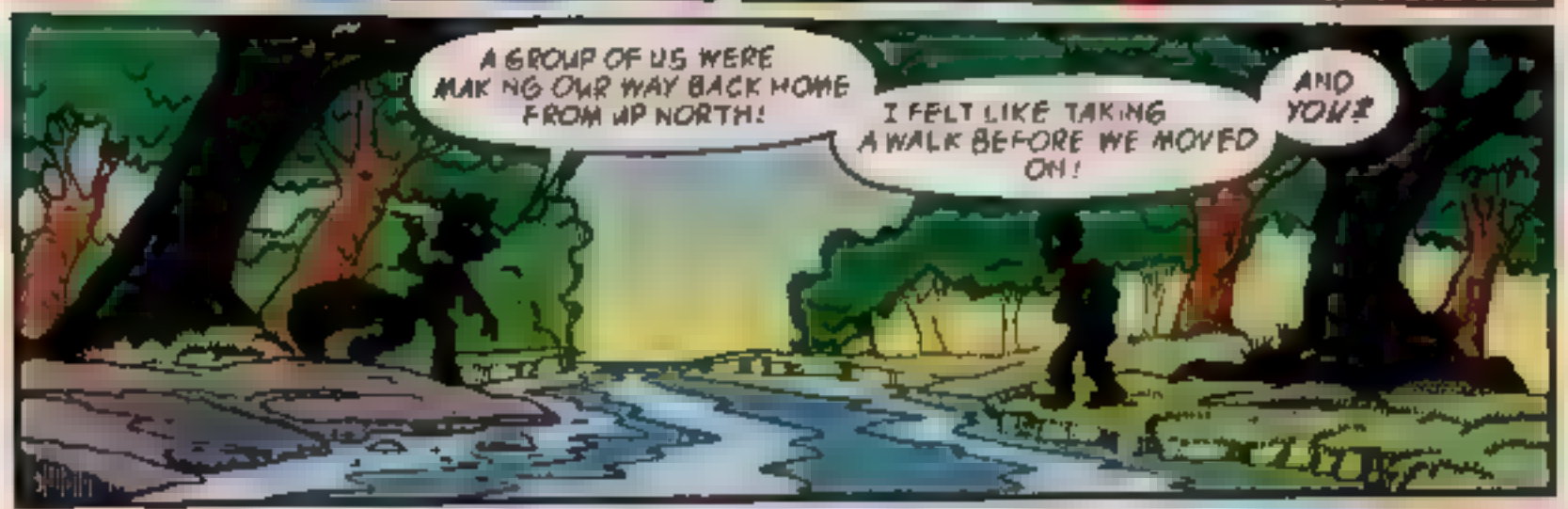
WHO ARE YOU?

KEN PENDERS — WRITER
ART MAWHINNEY — PENCILLER
JIM AMASH — INKER
BARRY GROSSMAN — COLORIST
JEFF POWELL — LETTERER
J.P GABRIE — EDITOR

THE SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD!


MY NAME IS EMERSON!
WHAT'S YOURS?


PALADIN!
MY FRIENDS CALL ME PALADIN!
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

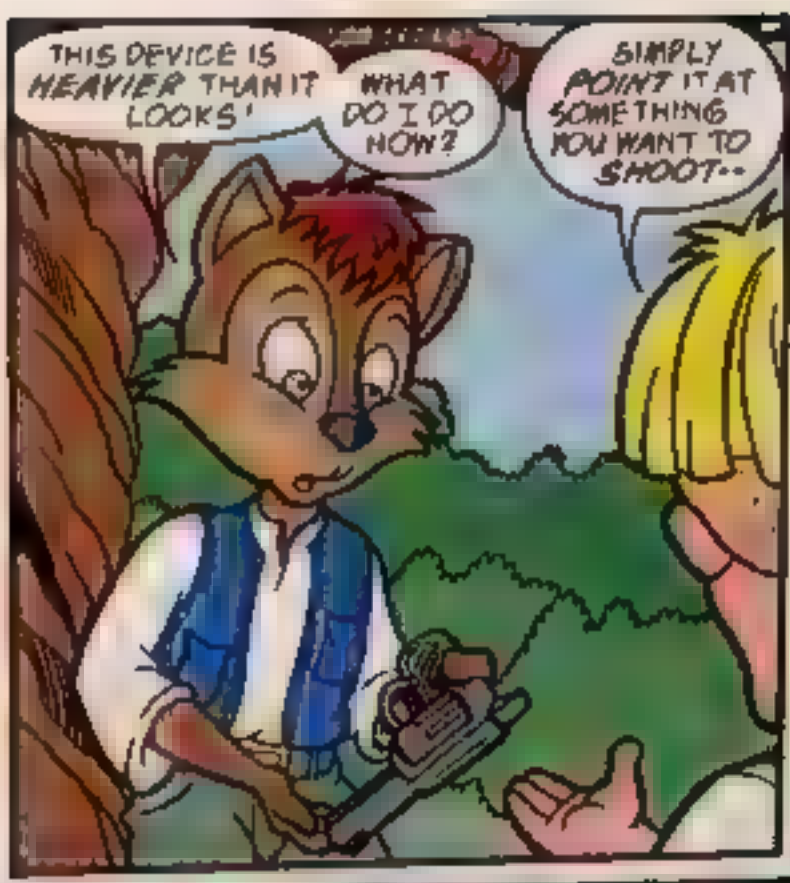

A GROUP OF US WERE MAKING OUR WAY BACK HOME FROM UP NORTH!
I FELT LIKE TAKING A WALK BEFORE WE MOVED ON!
AND YOU?

MY CITY IS JUST BEYOND THE BADLANDS.
I CAME HERE TO DO SOME TARGET SHOOTING!

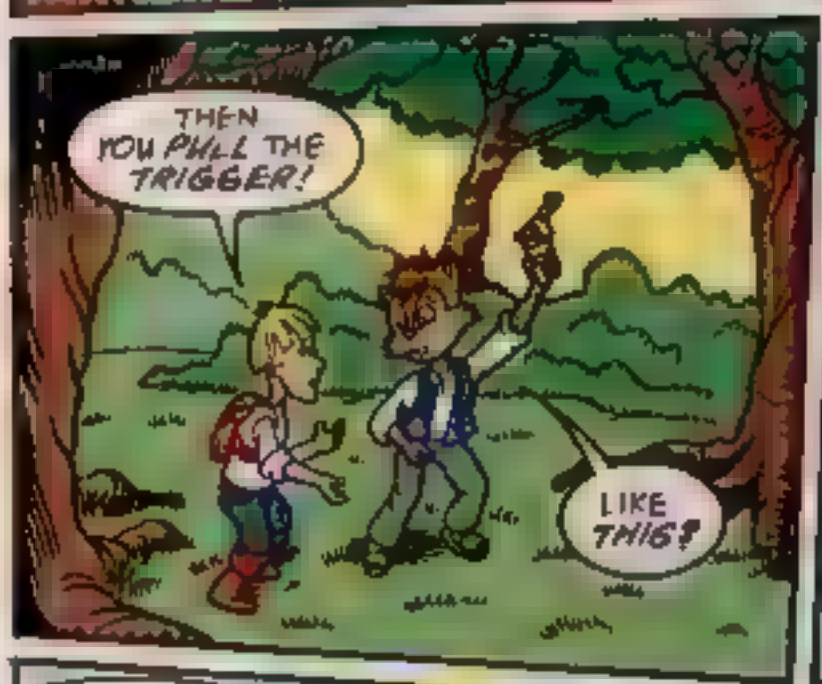
TARGET SHOOTING?
WHAT'S THAT?

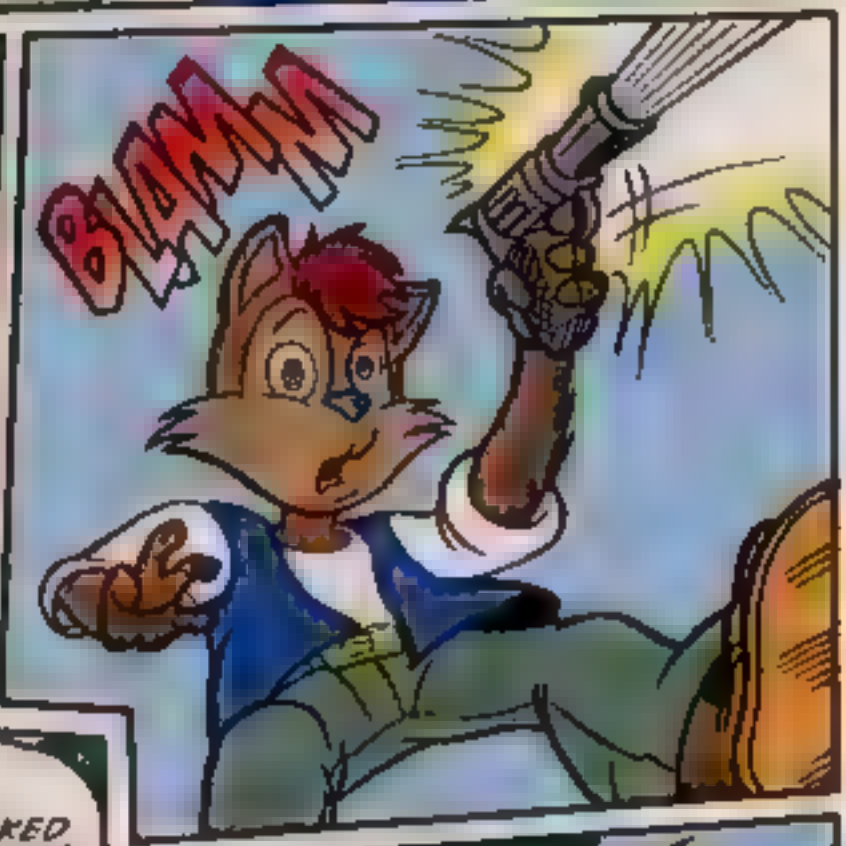
IT'S WHAT I DO WHEN I UNHOLSTER MY GUN...
...TAKE AIM...

...AND SEE IF I CAN HIT THE DESIGNATED TARGET!
LIKE THAT BRANCH, FOR INSTANCE!
BANG
KRAAKSHH
BULL'S-EYE!
WOW! I'M IMPRESSED!
THAT LOOKED LIKE FUN!
CARE TO TRY?
JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE TO GET OVER THERE!
PRETTY NEAT MOVES, FRIEND--
BUT CAN YOU SHOOT?


THIS DEVICE IS HEAVIER THAN IT LOOKS!
WHAT DO I DO NOW?
SIMPLY POINT IT AT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SHOOT--

LIKE THAT BRANCH UP THERE?
YEAH!
THEN WHAT?

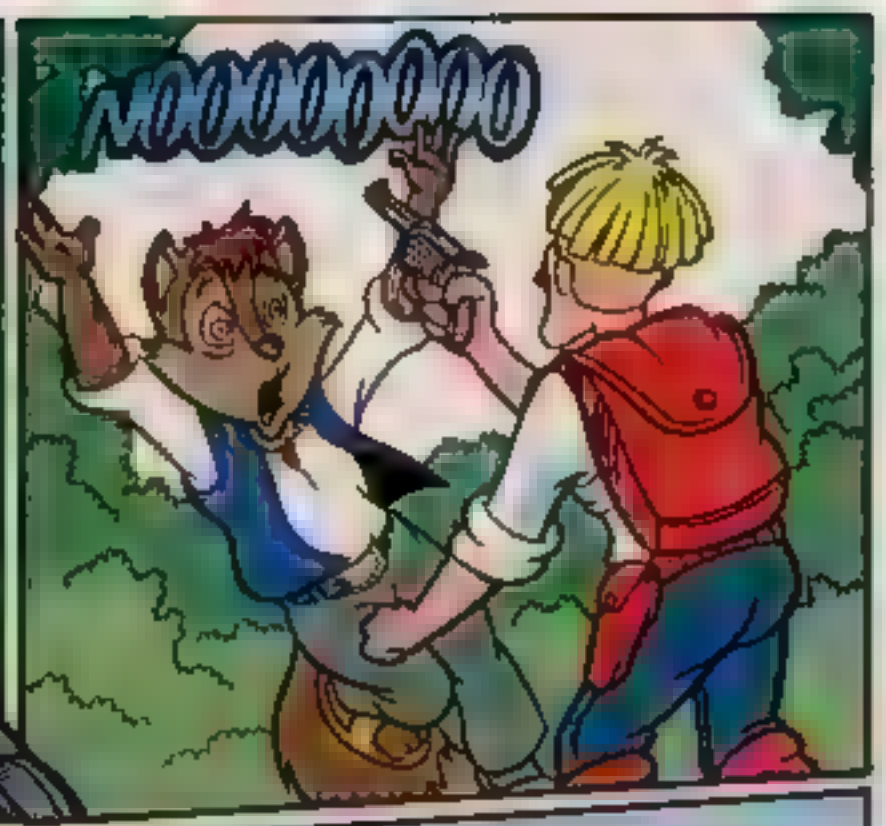

THEN YOU PULL THE TRIGGER!
LIKE THIS?


BLAM!!!

I FORGOT TO WARN YOU ABOUT THE RECOIL!
IT FELT LIKE I WAS GETTING KICKED BY MY STREAKING PASHA!
HERE!

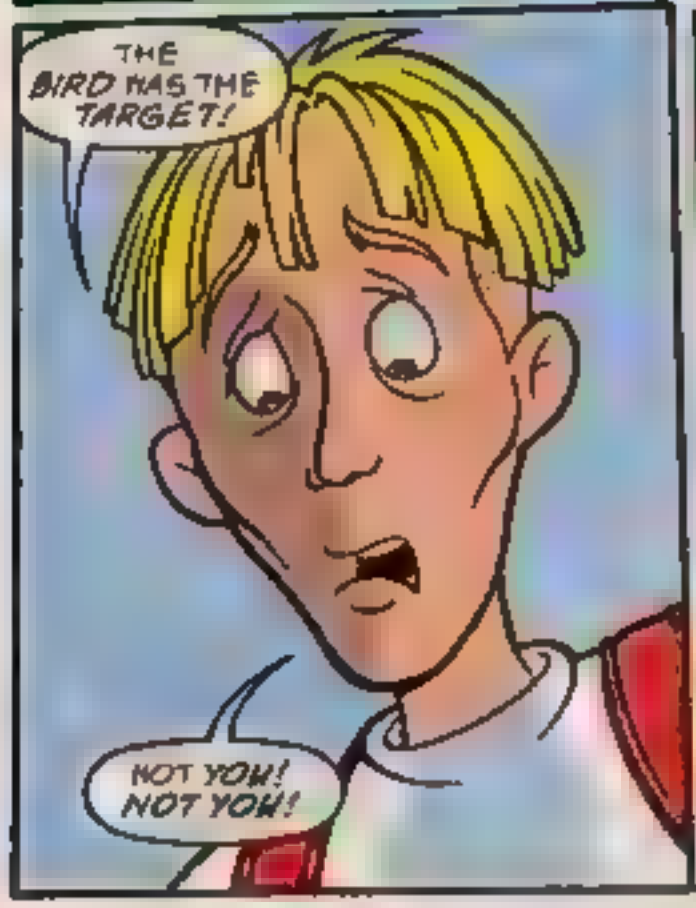
Y KNOW WHAT S REALLY FUN TO SHOOT AT?
SOMETHING CHALLENGING--
--SOMETHING THAT MOVES--

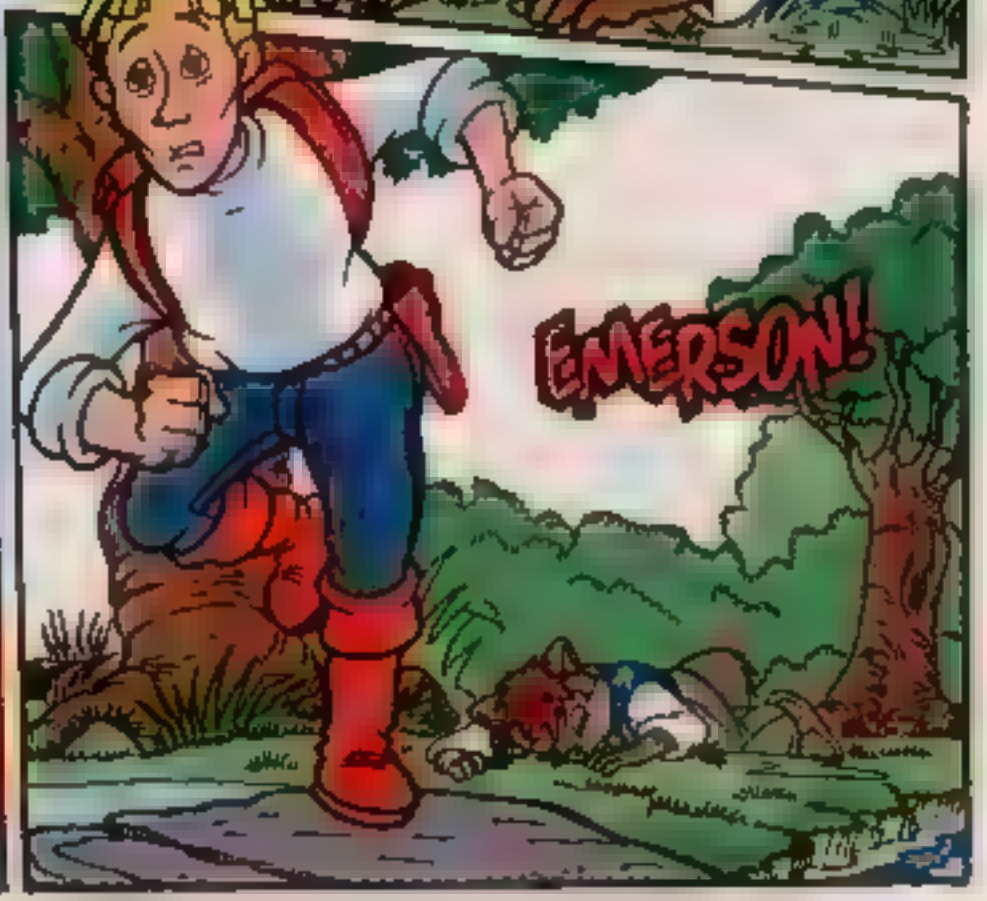
--LIKE THAT BIRD!


MOOOOOOOO

BANG

SHOULD-- NEVER -TAKE THE LIFE-- OF A- L VING- CREATURRRRR..
NO! DON'T DIE ON ME!


THE BIRD WAS THE TARGET!
NOT YOU! NOT YOU!


EMERSON!

"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE KING THEODORE, SON OF ALEXANDER, DISCOVERED HIS SON'S STILL FORM LYING ON THE GROUND...

"AT FIRST HE WAS UNABLE TO UTTER EVEN THE SLIGHTEST OF SOUNDS SO HORRIFIED WAS HE AT THE SHATTERING SIGHT.

"...UNTIL HIS EYES CHANCED UPON A YOUNG OVER-LANDER RUNNING DESPERATELY INTO THE FOREST!

"DESPITE HIS IMMEASURABLE LOSS THE KING DID NOT CRY FOR VENGEANCE!

"HE SIMPLY TOOK HIS SON HOME AND FORBADE ANY CONTACT WITH THE FIERCE AND VIOLENT PEOPLE

"THAT IS WHY WE AS A PEOPLE AVOID THE USE OF GUN-LIKE WEAPONS"

UNKNOWN TO THE KING, HIS POLICY WOULD RESULT IN AN EVEN GREATER MISUNDERSTANDING, LEADING TO DECADES OF WAR!

HOW AWFUL, TAILS!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY FOR MORE, DEAR READERS?

IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO START A FIGHT!

TRYING TO STOP ONE CAN LEAD TO CATASTROPHE!

READ ALL ABOUT IT IN

THE ROAD TO DARKNESS

SONIC-GRAMS

THIS JUST IN!

This month, we're spotlighting a special Off Panel by Michael Gallagher, Dave Manak and Harvey! Check it out.

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Catch you on the flip side!

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Re: Sonic The Hedgehog #67

Dear Sonic,

I agree with Kendra Brown's letter 100%! [illegible] with Sonic, not Antoine or [illegible] or anybody [illegible] also like to say that I'm [illegible] disappointed in King Acorn for making [illegible] choice between her true love (Sonic) and her right to [illegible]

[illegible] K. Crewe (age 15)
[illegible]ander City, NF
Canada

[illegible] Grams,

In response to Kendra Brown's letter, I have to agree with her. Sonic's heart would be shattered if Sally even thought of going with Knuckles. Sally may be a player and all, but deep down inside she loves Sonic with all her heart.

Dorothie Hardy (age 17)
Detroit, MI

Dear Freddy,

I am responding to Kendra Brown's and Cliff Tonnell's letters printed in Sonic-Grams #64. I agree with Kendra partially. The part I agree on is that Sonic and Sally have been together much more than Knuckles and Sally. Besides, Sally says she loves Sonic (Sonic Super Special #1, page 33, panel 1) and Sonic loves Sally (Sonic #50 page 26, panel 4 and (Sonic Super Special #6, page 39, panel 4). As for a girl for Knuckles, I think a likely candidate is Julie-Su.

Anthony Randolph
Dillwyn, VA

There are just a sampling of some of the letters we've been receiving on the subject. What do you think? We'd like to hear from you!

Hello, my favorite blue blur,

I wrote to discuss how issue #67 "blue" me away. Let me start off by saying "great job!" I loved the "Indiana Jones" theme (after all, he is my favorite human character). Also, am I mistaken, or is that a NOBOTNIK-made spacecraft? If so, love it! Robotnik is a very tired foe. I've enjoyed these past ten issues (they're very exciting!). I have enjoyed the exploration of Mobius with you and Tails. The backup story was very interesting. Did Lupe and the Wolfpack appear in the cartoon?

Yours "bluely",
Nerk2@aol.com

Thanks for the compliment on SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #67, Nerk2. What you refer to as a Robotnik-made spacecraft are actually his satellites still in orbit above Mobius. And yes, Lupe and the Wolfpack made their first appearance in the cartoon episode entitled "Cry of the Wolf."

Dear Sonic,

I just got done reading "Tomb Raider" starring Sonic the Hedgehog. I think it was great. 1) How come you switch out rug for the Ring of Acorns? 2) How come Tails did not come with you when you went to the temple?

GADE11@aol.com

1) Sonic figured the rug's shape, size and weight would be about the same as the ring so he was tripping, would not know he took the real ring. It obviously did not work, but Sonic was not ready for it. 2) Sonic had to stay with Nate. Besides, Sonic wanted to handle it alone.

Hello Sonic Comics,

It's the week before Christmas, and what better way to celebrate the holiday than with picking up a copy of Sonic and Knuckles #21. First off, Sonic #60. It was time expected for Sonic and Tails to make an appearance, plus bring Nate Morgan back. It reminded me of the great Indiana Jones. I also enjoyed the back-up story with Lupe and the Wolfpack. Hope they make it home safely. Then I read about Knuckles encounter with Sally and Geoffrey St. John's discovery of Prince Elias and Queen Alicia. And now it's time for the introducing in Sonic #68 next month. I have a few questions to ask: 1) How will Sally and the others react to the discovery of the lost prince and queen? 2) What surprise is Sally preparing for the lost 3 days? and 3) Is it true that you will do a Sailor Moon-Sonic The Hedgehog crossover in SSS #8?

JGG060@aol.com

1 & 2) If you read issue #68, you already know the answer. 3) Yes, in SSS#8, Sonic meets Sally Moon from another zone (which is an homage to Sailor Moon).

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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In three weeks: In a story called "The First Date," Knuckles agonizes over his feelings for Julie-Su. This story sends him on a journey that makes all the adventure and intrigue in recent issues seem like a walk in the park. Witness this romantic comedy as brought to you by Ken Penders, Chris Allen and Andrew Pepoy. Also, a Mighty The Armadillo solo story. KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #26 on sale mid-May 1999!

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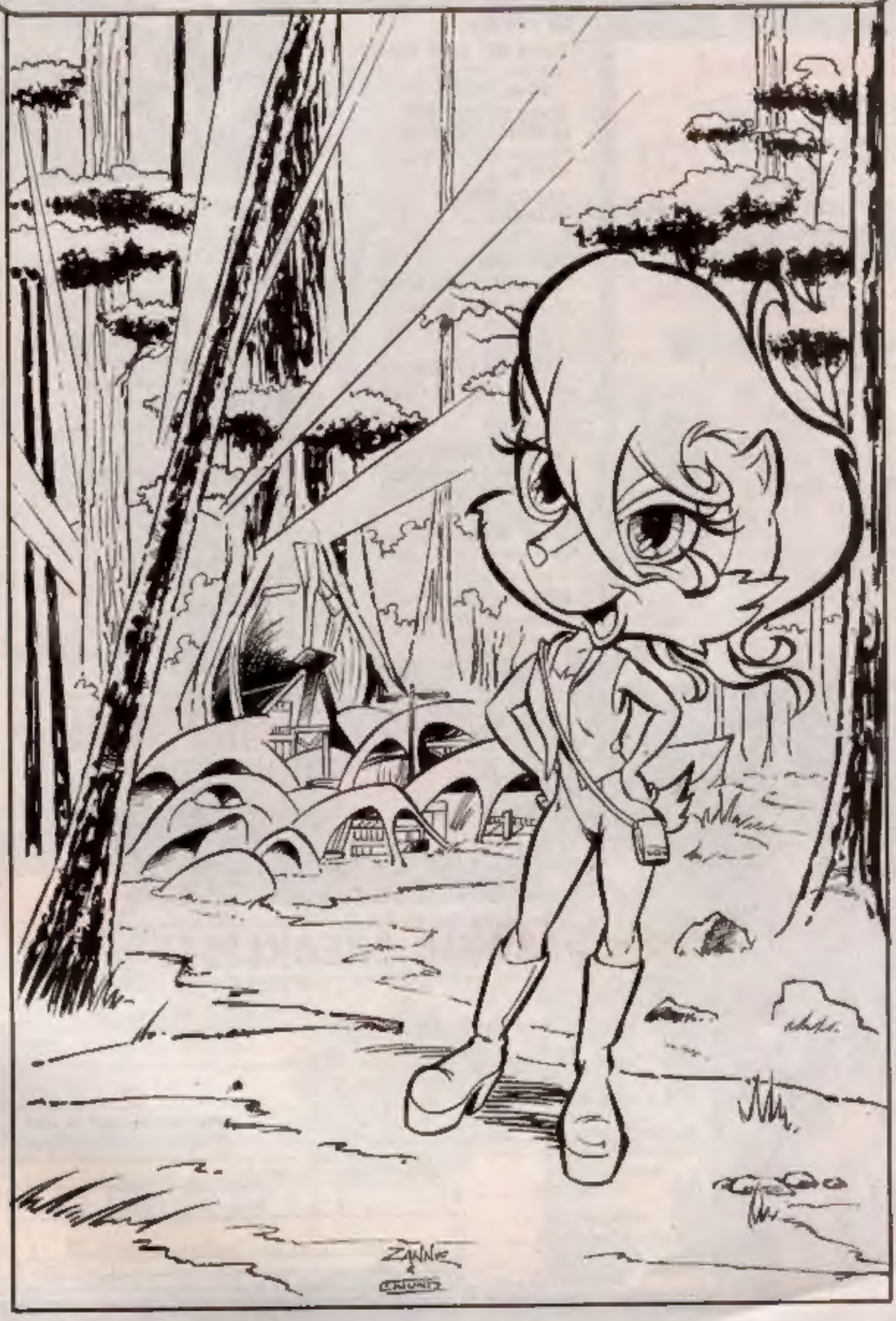
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